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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be illustrated below by the following non-limiting examples and the accompanying figures in which:

FIG. 1 shows the particle size distribution of a sample of GMO with 12% poloxamer before and after heat treatment;

FIG. 2 shows the particle size distribution of a sample of GMO with 8% poloxamer before and after heat treatment;

FIG. 3 shows a cryo-transmission electron micrograph of a sample without heat treatment;

FIG. 4 shows a cryo-transmission electron micrograph of a sample after heat treatment;

FIG. 5 shows the particle size of a sample before and after heat treatment for various periods;

FIG. 6 shows the particle size distribution of samples before and after heating to 80°C and 121°C;

FIG. 7 shows the particle size distribution of a sample before and after heat treatment at various temperatures;

FIG. 8 shows the effect of heat treatment at varying poloxamer concentrations;

FIG. 9 shows the effect of heat treatment of compositions containing two different poloxamer types;

FIG. 10 shows small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) patterns for two samples, containing two different poloxamer types, after heat treatment;

FIG. 11 shows the effect of storage on the SAXS for samples with and without heat treatment (curves after 20 days and 6 months are not on the same scale);

FIG. 12 shows the comparative effect of heat treatment on the particle size distribution of a liposomal sample;

FIG. 13 shows the comparative effect of heat treatment on the SAX pattern of a liposomal sample;

FIG. 14 shows the particle size distribution of a composition of GMO, poloxamer and oleic acid before and after heat cycling;

FIG. 15 shows the particle size distribution of a further composition of GMO, poloxamer and oleic acid before and after heat cycling;

FIG. 16 shows the particle size distribution of a composition of GMO, poloxamer and oleic acid with and without heat cycling after 11 days' storage;

FIG. 17 shows the effect of Heat Treatment on the particle size distribution of a DOPE/TMGO-15/DOPE-PEG(5000) ternary composition;

FIG. 18 shows the effect of Heat Treatment on the particle size distribution of a DOPE/TMGO-15/DOPE-PEG(5000) ternary composition in 3 mM NaCl;

FIG. 19 shows the effect of Heat Treatment on the particle size distribution of a DOPE/P80/Pluronic F127 ternary composition;

FIG. 20 shows the effect of Heat Treatment on the particle size distribution of a DOPE:DOPG/TMGO-15/DOPE-PEG(5000) four-component composition;

FIG. 21 shows the effect of Heat Treatment on the particle size distribution of a DOPE:DOPG/P80/DOPE-PEG(5000) four-component composition; and

FIG. 22 shows a cryo-TEM image of a DOPE/TMGO-15/DOPE-PPEG(5000) composition, showing the non-lamellar structure of the particles.

FIG. 23a shows the particle size distribution of a GMO/F127 dispersion heat treated at different concentrations.

FIG. 23b shows the average particle sizes GMO/F127 dispersions heat treated at different concentrations.

FIG. 24a shows the particle size distribution of a GMO/OA/F127 dispersion heat treated at different concentrations.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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